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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and the means of complying with that duty according to 37 C.F.R. §\$1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant calls the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. An Information Disclosure Statement with U.S. patents is being

electronically filed on even date herewith. The Applicant has enclosed a copy of all other cited references.

Applicant makes no admission that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art. Nonetheless, the Examiner is urged to consider the cited references and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality thereof.

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if such fees are necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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